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Assigned to: Judiciary

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Ordinance Enforcement - Proceedings and Penalties**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing Baltimore City to establish certain fines to enforce  
4 certain ordinances, rules, or regulations; authorizing Baltimore City to establish  
5 certain administrative proceedings, remedies, and penalties to enforce certain  
6 Baltimore City ordinances relating to the sanitary conditions of lots, buildings, and  
7 public property; providing appropriate judicial review of orders or decisions of  
8 certain proceedings; and generally relating to the administration and enforcement  
9 of ordinances, rules, or regulations in Baltimore City.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

- 11 The Charter of Baltimore City
- 12 Article II - General Powers
- 13 Section (48)
- 14 (1996 Edition, as amended)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

18 Article II - General Powers

19 The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to  
20 exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of  
21 Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland; and in  
22 particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by ordinance, or such  
23 other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the provisions of said  
24 Constitution and Public General Laws:

25 (48) (A) To provide CIVIL AND CRIMINAL FINES AND penalties for the violation  
26 of any ordinance, rule or regulations established by the City under or in the execution of  
27 any power granted by this Article II; provided that no fine OR PENALTY shall exceed  
28 \$1000.00 and no imprisonment shall be for a longer period than 12 months.

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1 (B) TO ESTABLISH, BY ORDINANCE:

2 (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE  
3 PROCEEDINGS, REMEDIES, AND PENALTIES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANY  
4 ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF LOTS, BUILDINGS, AND  
5 PUBLIC PROPERTY; AND

6 (2) APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL REVIEW OF ANY ORDER OR DECISION  
7 RESULTING FROM ANY PROCEEDING ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS  
8 SUBSECTION.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 1997.